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23 March 1949

Report from Archangel

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1. The attached [Redacted] is loaned to you for a period of thirty days.
2. Your evaluation would be appreciated by this Agency.

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ARCHANGEL [REDACTED]

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1. Saw Mill Number 2

A. The dock at saw mill number 2 lies on the north beach of the

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Deina River south of Archangel [REDACTED]

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B. The channel up to the dock is both narrow and shallow and marked by a few buoys, the dock is completely of wooden construction.

C. The deepest depth at the southern/end of the dock is 14 feet, the length is about 700 feet.

D. There are no cranes or railroad tracks on the quay.

E. The quay gets electricity from Archangel by cable.

F. A plank road in poor condition leads from the dock to the village. The distance is about 300 meters.

G. The saw mill lies on the left side of the road from the dock to the town. The saw mill does not appear to be in operation.

H. The town has streetcar connections with Archangel.

2. Saw Mill Number 26

A. The quay at saw mill number 26 is about 1,000 feet long, four meters out from the dock the depth is about 25 - 26 feet (sounded).

B. The quay is lighted by electricity. At night a powerful search

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light is played on the ships tied to the dock [REDACTED]

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3. wrecks

A. The wreckage of a small merchant vessel of about 1,000 tons was observed at position 64 degrees 53 minutes 21 seconds north and 40 degrees 9 minutes 54 seconds east.

B. The wreckage was above water and there were several small motor boats along side.

4. Solombala Shipyard

A. Five (5) large Russian merchant vessels were observed here, one lay in a floating dock.

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5. Naval Vessels

A. About 12 small naval river vessels were at anchor (6 abreast) in the river directly north of Archangel.

B. The length of the vessels was about 180 feet. One stack, two small anti-aircraft guns, one pointing forward and the other aft. The aft end was straight. The freeboard was 3 feet. The vessels looked modern and well kept.

C. One of these vessels was later seen on a trial run, its speed was 18 knots.

D. The vessels flew the following flag: white field with blue stripes and one blue star, no hammer or sickle.

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